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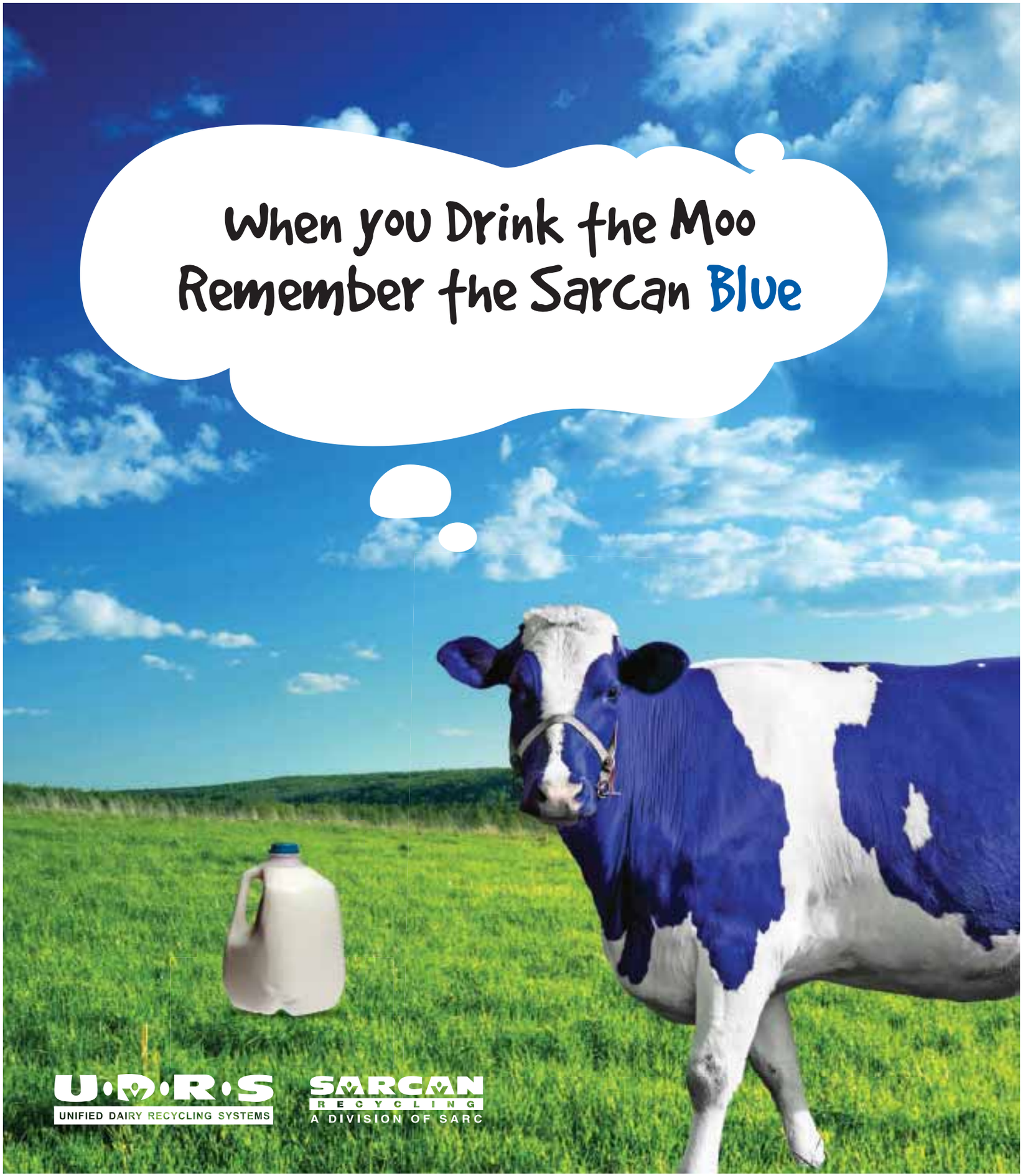
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# Habs prospect in critical condition with meningitis

**WHL star.** Tim Bozon of the Kootenay Ice hospitalized at RUH; Blades players, personnel given antibiotics as precaution

Kootenay Ice forward Tim Bozon was in critical condition on Wednesday at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon with Neisseria meningitis.

The Western Hockey League said public health officials were trying to ensure that anyone Bozon, 19, had contact with receives appropriate treatment.

The Saskatoon Blades said players and team personnel were given antibiotics as a precaution.

"(Public health) said the risk is minimal but we're taking precautionary measures," Blades president Steve Hogle said.

Meningitis, an inflammation of membranes around the brain and spinal cord, can be fatal if not treated quickly.

Bozon, who was selected in the third round, 64th overall, by Montreal in the 2012 NHL draft, was admitted to hospital March 1.

**Quoted**

**"(Public health) said the risk is minimal but we're taking precautionary measures."**

**Blades president Steve Hogle.** Tim Bozon and the Kootenay Ice played Saskatoon the night before Bozon was admitted to hospital March 1.

Kootenay beat Saskatoon 4-2 the night before. Bozon had a goal in the victory.

His parents, Philippe and Helene, have been at his bedside since they arrived in Saskatoon Sunday from their home in Switzerland.

While there are several varieties of meningitis, the particular type Bozon has, Neisseria meningitis, is bacterial and more contagious.

"The way bacterial meningitis spreads is through spit. You need to have very close contact or direct contact with the nose and throat secretions of the individual who became ill," said Dr. Shovita Padhi, deputy medical health officer for the Saskatoon Health Region.

Bozon has 30 goals and 32 assists in 50 games this season with the Ice.

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## THANKS A MILLION

**A trip to Nova Scotia has paid off big time for a Saskatchewan woman. Tanya Jimmy of Onion Lake has won $1 million in the Atlantic Lottery. Story, page 2.** COURTESY ATLANTIC LOTTERY CORPORATION

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Campsite reservations

## Online rush leads to over-billing errors

The Saskatchewan government says so many people tried to book campsites this week that the online reservations system had problems and over-charged some of them.

The first round of parks were available for booking Monday morning.

The government says the high volume of campers going online to nab sites quickly contributed to a processing error.

It says of the approximately 7,000 reservations that were completed, about 1,500 people were charged more than once for their campsites.

Staff with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport said the problem was fixed.

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Transportation backlog

## Farmers appeal to banks for more time

Saskatchewan's agriculture minister wants financial institutions to cut farmers some slack because of a grain transportation backlog.

Lyle Stewart says he has written to all banks in the province urging them to be flexible with farmers facing a cash crunch because their grain isn't getting to market.

Saskatchewan producers harvested a record crop of 38.4 million tonnes last year, but they don't get paid until the grain gets to market.

Much of the crop is sitting in bins because of railway transportation delays.

Stewart, who is a farmer too, says he thinks lenders will recognize that there is a lot of value sitting in those bins and he hopes they'll be understanding.

Groups representing farmers across Western Canada have warned the backlog is so bad that some farmers won't have enough cash to pay for seeding this year.

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Record haul

**38.4M**

Sask. farmers harvested a crop of 38.4 million tonnes last year.

# Defibrillators save lives of 2 locals in less than 24 hours

**'To save one life is worth it.'** Senior man, woman alive because of electronic devices

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Two people in Saskatoon are alive because of quick-thinking bystanders and their use of automated external defibrillators in separate incidents within 24 hours.

Bystanders used a defibrillator to revive an 83-year-old woman who had gone into cardiac arrest at TCU Place on Monday evening. And on Tuesday, a 79-year-old man was similarly assisted after his heart stopped while playing hockey at Schroh Arena.

Harve Birns, 70, performed CPR on Vic Fortosky after he collapsed on the ice. However, he credits the defibrillator for saving his friend.

"It's an amazing device," Birns said on Wednesday.

"If that machine wasn't there, I don't want to be dramatic, but I think Vic would have been in a way worse situation than he was."

A fellow hockey player shocked Fortosky three times with the defibrillator before MD Ambulance arrived and took him to Royal University Hospital, Birns said.

"We're hockey players and we're out there to compete, and we were competing with this problem," he added. "We weren't going to let him go."

Darren Schroh, who owns Schroh Arena, said the incident shows how important defibrillators are.

"To save one life is worth it," he said.

"It's pretty amazing what these machines can do."

The Saskatoon Heart Safe program — a joint effort of Saskatchewan Blue Cross, MD Ambulance and the Saskatoon Health Region — had supplied both defibrillators.

Saskatoon has more than 700 defibrillators. Since 2001, there have been at least 13 local incidents in which a defibrillator saved a life.

Close call

**"If that machine wasn't there ... I think Vic would have been in a way worse situation."** Harve Birns, 70

Harve Birns can be seen at Schroh Arena, where he and a fellow hockey player saved the life of 79-year-old Vic Fortosky using a defibrillator, inset. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

# Sask. woman returns from Halifax with $1M

A Saskatchewan woman's spur-of-the-moment decision to buy a lottery ticket in Scotia Square Mall last week has landed her $1 million.

Tanya Jimmy of Onion Lake, Sask., was in Halifax for a work conference when she decided to follow her husband's advice and buy a few Atlantic Lottery tickets from a kiosk after she had her nails done in the mall.

"It was just a spur-of-the-moment sort of thing," Jimmy said Wednesday after receiving the big cheque in Moncton, N.B.

Jimmy bought two MaxMillions tickets and a Lotto 6-49, but didn't check to see if they were winners until she looked up the numbers from Friday's draw on Sunday while she was in the bathtub.

"I was like, 'Oh my God, this is my ticket!'" Jimmy said. "I had to yell for my husband to come and have a look."

It was hard to believe she'd actually won so Jimmy said when she called the lottery the next day she told them, "I think I won MaxMillions."

"My husband was like, 'You don't think, say you did.'"

Although Jimmy bought the ticket in Halifax, she said it's unlikely she'll be back to spend some of her winnings soon since the city is "kind of out of my way."

"It's quite the plane ride," Jimmy said, but added another work conference could bring her back to Halifax eventually.

The first thing Jimmy wants to do with her winnings is pay off her loans and set up trust accounts for her three sons, aged 10, 13 and 16.

The boys were really excited to hear of the win, but haven't asked for anything, "which is good so far," Jimmy said.

Her husband has a lot of "little wishes" of his own, she laughed.

Thanks to the extra money, Jimmy said her and her husband can now expand a planned trip to California this April by bringing their children.

HAYLEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX

# UN envoy threatened, driven from Crimea by armed men

**Ukraine.** Officials say Robert Serry was not kidnapped and is 'in good shape' after being confronted by men with weapons

A special UN envoy cut short his mission in Crimea on Wednesday after being threatened by 10 to 15 armed men and ordered to leave the region, UN officials said.

After a confrontation that began as he was leaving naval headquarters and continued at a café, envoy Robert Serry was driven to Simferopol airport by the men and was flying to Ukraine's capital to continue his fact-finding mission, the officials said.

On Friday, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon asked Serry to go to Crimea as part of the fact-finding mission. Serry, who is currently the UN Mideast envoy, initially decided against going after consulting with authorities in the region. But UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson said Serry later decided it was important to go, given the "dramatic circumstances."

Ukrainian officials reported earlier Wednesday that Serry had been kidnapped. But Eliasson denied that. He said Serry was threatened by the armed men, but was not abducted.

Eliasson said the men ordered Serry to leave Crimea and go to the airport. Serry refused, and was later seen in the café as armed men in camouflage outfits stood outside. He then got into a van with the men and was taken to the airport.

Eliasson told reporters that Serry "is in good shape physically. He is not kidnapped."

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**"I'm safe. My visit was interrupted for reasons that I cannot understand."**

UN envoy Robert Serry

Police try to separate clashing pro-Russia demonstrators and supporters of the new Ukrainian government in Donetsk, Ukraine, Wednesday, where hundreds of demonstrators waving Russian flags stormed a government building. The region is the home city of fugitive president Viktor Yanukovych, who fled the country after protests in Kyiv. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Canadian perspective**

## *Russia is in 'violation of international law': Harper*

Canada will send two observers to join an unarmed military mission in Ukraine and will impose more sanctions on the regime of fugitive Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Wednesday.

"Russia's invasion of Ukraine is a clear violation of international law," Harper said in a statement.

A spokeswoman for Defence Minister Rob Nicholson said the two members have arrived in Odessa, Ukraine, and were co-ordinating with Ukrainian and other observers.

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# As leaders meet in Paris, France sends Russia a warship

BPC Vladivostock leaves Saint-Nazaire's harbour in France on Wednesday.
DAVID VINCENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A French-built warship designed to strengthen Russia's ability to deploy troops, tanks and helicopter gunships is getting its first test run Wednesday — just as Western powers are trying to rein in Russian President Vladimir Putin's military threat to Ukraine.

A spokesman for the shipbuilder says the Vladivostok helicopter carrier is setting sail from the French Atlantic port of Saint-Nazaire. A few hundred kilometres away in Paris, France's government is hosting American, Russian and other leading world diplomats Wednesday amid mounting tensions over Ukraine.

The warship is part of a $1.8-billion deal that marked the biggest-ever sale of NATO weaponry to Moscow, a deal that already raised eyebrows both within Russia's military circles and among France's Western allies in 2011.

France has criticized Russia's military incursion into Ukraine's Black Sea peninsula of Crimea, but says it has no plans to scrap the defence deal.

France, like many of Russia's European trading partners, has found itself wedged between efforts to squeeze Russia diplomatically and its own economic interests. The French government's top priority is reviving its lacklustre economy and battling unemployment, and this deal underpins some 1,000 jobs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# The results of Metro's attempt to make Stash the Moustache Cat go viral

SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

## After giving Stash four weeks to blow up online, we called San Francisco-based social media expert Tim Hwang again to see what he thought of how we did ...

At first he said he was impressed, but when pressed Hwang admitted he thought we would have garnered even more followers than we did, simply because making cats popular online is, for lack of a better term, like shooting fish in a barrel.

"You guys picked up on one key thing, cats, which are already extremely popular on the Internet," he said, explaining that our numbers show we did well "locally," or within a particular online community, but that we didn't get the massive exposure needed to be considered hugely viral. "There are memes that sort of spread over the entire Internet, and that's an incredibly rare thing — it's sort of like lightning striking two or three times all in the same place.

"The factors that cause a piece of content to do that are really obscure, and it's an active and ongoing field of research just to try to figure out exactly what causes it."

Hwang, who researched Internet culture at Harvard University's Berkman Centre for Internet and Society, said Stash could still eventually go hugely viral even without our help.

"There's a lot of cases where content that is old and cold and dead comes back to life inexplicably," he said. "Some weird things can happen like that, where content gets rediscovered over time."

**Why do cats run the Internet?**

"I think cats are built ready for the Internet. They are small, cute ... and often get themselves in accidents that are funny." Tim Hwang

Stash's hashtags

## Cracking the virality code

It's not just national free daily newspapers wondering why things go viral — Hwang said a lot of people are paying big money to research the phenomenon.

"It's interesting because on some level (kittens becoming famous on the Internet) is kind of 'ha-ha' funny ... but there's a lot of interest from a number of very surprising quarters in trying to decide why things become popular online," he said.

"It's everything from academics to the private sector. Obviously advertisers are always trying to unlock this code."

But Hwang said there's an even darker element than advertisers hoping to get to the bottom of virality: politicians and governments are foaming at the mouth to know the secret too.

"That's where it turns to something that's actually a little more concerning," he said. "Because maybe the principles that allow a kitten to become famous online are the same things that can be used to destabilize a country.

"It's just funny to me, of course, that something like cats on the Internet are at the centre of it."

**Online**

For a video and photos of Stash and more, go to metronews.ca

### TIM HWANG'S BENCHMARKS OF SUCCESS

**1 How many Instagram followers can we accumulate?** We accumulated 1,050 Instagram followers in a month. ✓

**2 How many images can we collect from followers? (That is, how many times did someone use our "template" to create a new meme?)** Trying to make Stash a meme failed, although one person did upload a macro of Stash to Instagram.

**3 How much action on Reddit, the self-proclaimed front page of the Internet, can we generate?** We posted photos of Stash to reddit/r/cats, and they got about 300 upvotes. ✓

**4 How much traffic can we drive to Stash's website, stashthemoustachecat.com?** Traffic to Stash's website rose about 3,000 per cent, but that's because he had virtually no traffic before he started posting on Instagram. ✓

**5 How many views of Stash's Imgur pictures can we achieve?** Views of Stash's pictures on Imgur totalled about 7,000 views, mostly from Reddit traffic. ✓

## Managing an Internet cat

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The cat-pic community on Instagram is unlike any other. In Internet-cat land, everybody is nice, and there are no cyberbullies to be found.

Metro Winnipeg's managing editor Elisha Dacey knew she had a star kitty. Stash was born with a Chaplin-like mark on his upper lip (OK, fine, it's a Hitler-like mark, which makes Stash a member of the subgenre of e-kitties affectionately known as #kitlers).

In four weeks time, after posting 152 photos (#catoftheday), Stash went from an Instagram newbie to having 1,050 followers.

Stash did have a physical advantage over other cats, but there were several things to keep in mind when growing his new Instagram account, and I quickly realized that not everything goes viral without work.

**Lesson 1: Decide on a personality** Most viral cats capitalized on their appearance, but there were so many moustache cats (#moustachecat, #hipstercat) out there. I decided Stash was a friendly but vain cat.

**Lesson 2: Hashtags** Adding hashtags gave my photos more presence. There appeared to be no such thing as going overboard with hashtags, as long as I didn't add so many that they crashed my browser.

**Lesson 3: Make some friends** I had to stop being shy about talking to other Instagrammers, so I started stepping out: liking and commenting first on other accounts (#follow4follow).

**Lesson 4: Never ignore compliments** This was the most time-consuming part of this experiment — to answer every comment, say thanks to every compliment and like back photos of users who liked Stash's photos.

**Lesson 5: Be active** Don't disappear from posting for too long — not even for half a day.

# More relaxed pot laws may be in the pipeline

**Criminal Code.** As it now stands, anyone convicted of possessing small amounts of marijuana can be jailed for up to 5 years

The federal Tories are considering more lenient pot laws, Peter MacKay said Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The Conservative government is seriously considering more lenient marijuana laws that would allow police to ticket anyone caught with small amounts of pot instead of laying charges, Justice Minister Peter MacKay said Wednesday.

"We're not talking about decriminalization or legalization," MacKay said following the weekly Conservative caucus meeting on Parliament Hill.

"The Criminal Code would still be available to police, but we would look at options that would ... allow police to ticket those types of offences."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is open to such an approach, he added.

MacKay has hinted in the past that such a move was under consideration. The country's police chiefs — as well as some Tory caucus members — have long called for ticketing people for pot possession instead of laying criminal charges.

But MacKay has also been among the Conservatives' fiercest critics of Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's stance on the issue. Trudeau supports the legalization of marijuana, a position the Tories have mocked with gleeful abandon.

Under the Criminal Code as it now stands, anyone convicted of possessing small amounts of marijuana can be jailed for up to five years. First-time offenders can face fines of up to $1,000 or as much as six months in jail. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Vigil for Loretta Saunders

Sharon Armstrong of Ottawa takes part in a vigil on Parliament Hill on Wednesday for Loretta Saunders and to call for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women. Two people have been charged with first-degree murder in her death. In a cruel irony, Saunders was writing a thesis on murdered and missing aboriginal women before she died. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Still probing**

## Provincial police overseeing Ford investigation

Ontario's provincial police are now overseeing an investigation into the activities of Toronto's Mayor Rob Ford, who has repeatedly attacked the legitimacy of the probe, Toronto's police Chief Bill Blair said Wednesday.

Ford's lawyer immediately denounced the oversight change, which leaves senior city investigators on the case, as "meaningless."

In a letter to OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis, Blair laid out his reasons for asking his provincial colleagues for help.

"I am taking this step to avoid the distractions that have assumed such recent prominence," Blair said in the letter.

Ford, who has vociferously challenged the chief to arrest him, has branded the investigation political. He has publicly accused Blair of wasting tax money — with little result.

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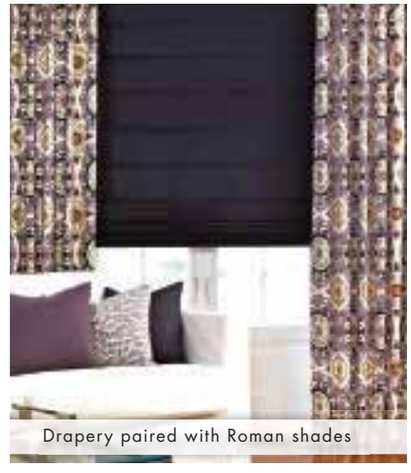
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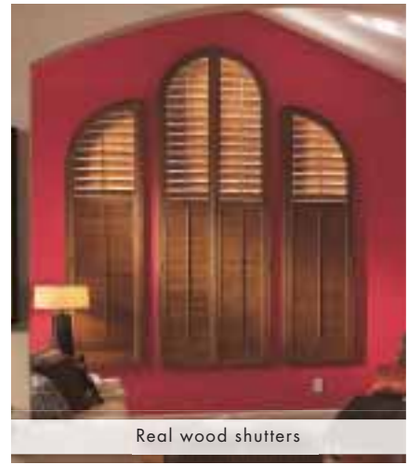
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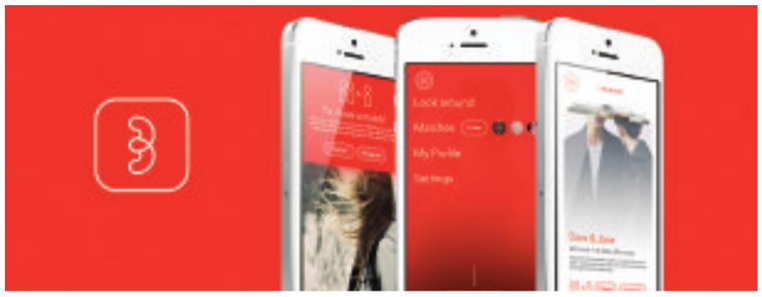

## Three's a very welcome crowd on 3nder

Fancy a threesome? Dimo Trifonov, the London-based entrepreneur behind dating app 3nder, thinks you do. The spin-off of location-based hookup apps like Tinder aims to remove the stigma attached to the ménage à trois. METRO WORLD NEWS

# Flexcoin folds after heist

**Digital currency.**
Alberta 'bank' focused on bitcoins folds after it claims attacker 'exploited a flaw in the code'

An Alberta-based online "bank" specializing in bitcoins is blaming a technical flaw for the theft of its digital currency that forced it to close its doors this week.

In a statement on its website Wednesday, Flexcoin says 896 bitcoins were stolen from its online vault. That translates into a loss of about $600,000, based on Bitcoin's current trading value.

"Flexcoin was attacked and robbed of all coins in the hot wallet," the company reported on its website. "As Flexcoin does not have the resources, assets, or otherwise to come back from this loss, we are closing our doors immediately."

An email to the company requesting comment was not immediately returned. But the website did provide details on how the company thinks the theft happened.

"The attacker successfully exploited a flaw in the code which allows transfers between Flexcoin users," it said. A line in the company's terms of service says it doesn't insure any of the bitcoins stored on its system nor is it "liable for any lost bitcoins." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Status update**

## Facebook to delete posts for illegal gun sales

Under pressure from gun control advocates, Facebook agreed Wednesday to delete posts from users seeking to buy or sell weapons illegally or without a background check.
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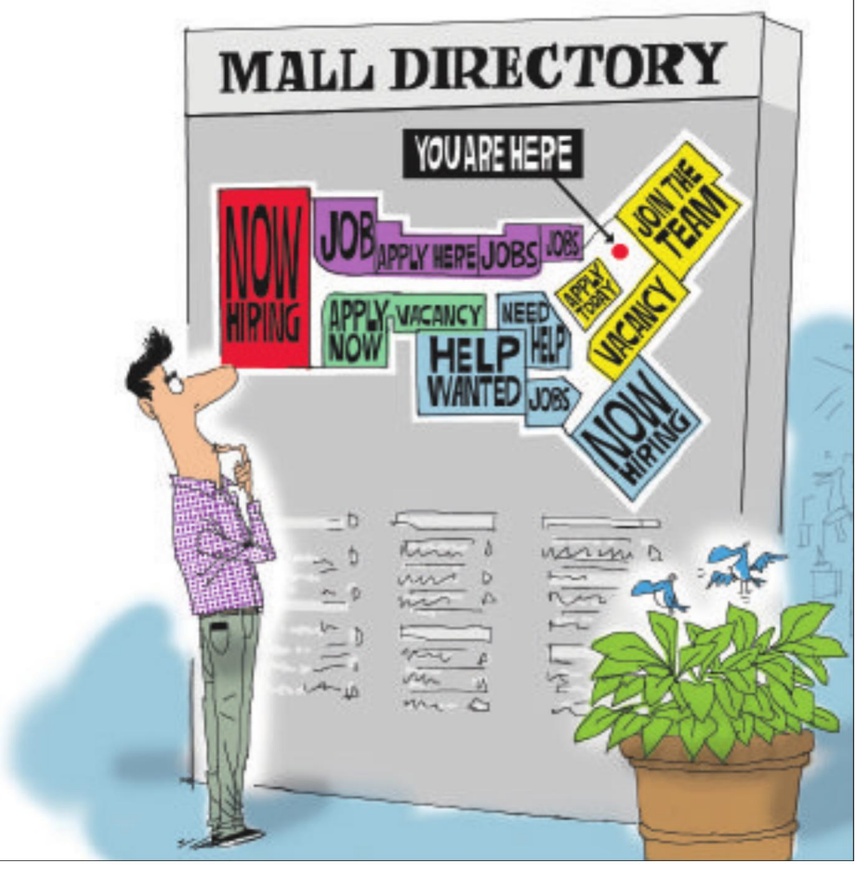

# OPENING THE LID ON OPIOIDS

HE SAYS

**John Mazerolle**
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How did "a pain in the neck" come to describe an annoying person?

Because I have a pain in my neck keeping me home from work, and it's much more than annoying. When the doctor asked me to rate the pain on a scale of one to 10, I said I'd need a spinal tap because this one goes to 11.

OK, I didn't say that. What I said was: "OW makeitstop OW."

An annoying person should be a rug burn. Or a hangnail. Or a paper cut. All pretty good insults, come to think of it.

A "pain in the neck"? That should be reserved for the Atillas and Stalins and Trumps. History's greatest monsters.

This hurts so much that I've been watching Game of Thrones and after every decapitation I think, "Oh, that'd be sweet relief. Wish I was a traitor."

The good news is there's a silver lining — possibly lining the muscle in my neck, which would explain the throbbing. The doctor, seeing the brave way I was handling adversity, prescribed me a heavy-duty painkiller to provide relief. This means:

1) I get to take opioids.

2) I get to write about opioids.

3) If I write a lame column and make hack jokes about my doctor's handwriting, I can blame the opioids.

**John's Guide To Prescription Painkillers**

1) I joke around in this column, but you should never, ever abuse drugs that aren't liquor, beer, wine, snuff, cigarettes, cigars, marijuana, hash or coffee. And even then, only several times a month.

2) Try to look suspicious when you ask for your painkillers. That way, when the pharmacist makes a phone call and you check out, you get to act offended.

3) To check the effectiveness of the security cap, be sure to leave your medication alone in your living room for long periods of time. Better safe than sorry.

4) Remember to look under the rim for your chance at free drugs or one of seven 2014 Dodge Durangos.

5) All the drug-safety guidelines I read remind you to turn on the lights when you take pills. This is to ensure that you're not blind. If you are blind, call a doctor. Unless you've always been blind, in which case call a friend. They'd love to hear from you.

6) After a statistically significant sample of three Percocet, I can say the most interesting effect of opioids is that they don't make you feel good; they just make you feel less. Part of me had expected to have a Yellow Submarine/Twin Peaks vision trip, but really it was more of a Big Bang Theory/According to Jim trip. I didn't feel anything, other than hoping it would be over in the next 22 minutes.

And that's my guide to prescription painkillers. Now that I understand how powerful these drugs are, it makes sense to me that my doctor's handwriting is so scribbly! Am I right? Sorry, sorry. Dave's not here, man.

ZOOM

# It's the circle of life

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## Human hamster wheel spins in N.Y.C.

Ward Shelley, top, and Alex Schweder, both professors, designers and artists, live in their art installation piece titled In Orbit on Wednesday in the Williamsburg neighborhood of the Brooklyn Borough of New York City. Shelley and Schweder are in the midst of living in the hamster wheel-like environment for 10 days; the wheel was designed complete with beds, desks, a kitchen and bathroom and chair for relaxing.

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## Working together through the grind

One wrong move by him or his fellow human hamster and they risk being thrown off. They are perched on opposite ends of the wheel, 180 degrees from each other, and must carefully co-ordinate their movements. When one walks, the other must walk in the opposite direction. When one stops, the other must stop.

"It's really an exploration of what it means to collaborate," Schweder said. "It's an exploration of trust between two people."

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**So, how about those new year's resolutions? Two months into the year, are you still hitting the gym, reading more, spending less and being an all-around saint? For those who have perhaps fallen off the wagon, here are some apps to help pick you back up.**

### Everest:

**Whether it's to climb Mount Everest or just pay off your debt, this free iPhone app helps you get your goals in order — and follow friends (and strangers) as they progress with theirs.**

### Habit Clock:

**Start your day "right" with this alarm clock/habit-forming app. After you hit snooze, Habit Clock keeps your morning on track by sending reminders to finish your predetermined morning habits.**

### Habit List:

**You can't develop habits unless you track them, or at least that's the logic behind Habit List. The iPhone app lets you record your tasks, sends reminders and keeps you focused.**

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Comments

**RE: Passenger's Sexist Note Left On WestJet Flight Stirs Pilot's Heated Response, published March 4**

Here's a plan. Keep doing what you're doing and try not to be offended so easily. People will always have their own outlook on life, and no matter how skewed it is they have a right to believe in whatever they want. Further, they have a right to express their own incorrect, correct, or outrageous opinions. Why let someone's rant or comment get you down? Why vent in anger on Facebook? Why even give it a second thought? We call this the "Me Generation" because the majority of people have developed a large sense of self-entitlement and people tend to take every insult and impunity to heart. **disqus_z3Lferpz-rN posted to metronews.ca**

I disagree whole heartedly Disqus_z3LferpzrN. I do agree that everyone is entitled to their opinion. But there comes a point when the opinions are just not acceptable and when offered freely and openly like this they are open to the ridicule they deserve. This is SEXISM pure and simple and is not to be tolerated. As any kind of prejudice should not be tolerated. **TJE posted to metronews.ca**

For you to say that "any kind of prejudice should not be tolerated" is in fact extremely prejudicial and I will not tolerate it. Everyone has prejudice in their thinking towards something whether people like you like it or not, or even realize it or not. Some people are stupid. Some cultures are backwards. Some religions are horrible. I have the right to make such a judgment based on thoughtful study of the facts. **Rory Kyle Maxwell posted to metronews.ca**

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SCENE 2

# Tebey turns the wheel on career that was headed in One Direction

**New album.** After writing a hit for the famous boy band the Ontario native is keen to make a name for himself as a performer

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Singer-songwriter Tebey performed at Louis' this week in advance of the release of his new album Two. CONTRIBUTED

Tens of millions of people have heard the songs Tebey has written for other musicians like One Direction, so it only seems fair that the first hit single he's recorded was penned by someone else.

His version of the Avicii song Wake Me Up went to the top ten in five weeks and was recently the most played Canadian single.

"I remember driving around in the summertime and this song would always come on the radio and I would immediately hear the country influence. I said to myself 'someone needs to record this song and make it country," Tebey said.

The 30-year-old singer, born Tebey Ottoh in Burlington, Ont., took his own advice and with his friends from Emerson Drive turned Wake Me Up into a crossover hit. It's an unlikely turn of events for an artist who once had to abandon his dreams of being a performer.

"I had a record deal when I was 17, I was signed to RCA and we made a record but I ended up losing my deal. I moved back to Canada and out of necessity learned how to write songs for other people so I could stay in the business in some fashion."

While his initial efforts at a recording career didn't meet with much luck, as a songwriter there has been a certain amount of serendipity. The first One Direction song he wrote wasn't intended for them, it was just one of many he penned on Music Row in Nashville.

"It just so happened that my manager knew their people at Sony London and one thing led to another and the next thing I knew it was being played for Simon Cowell. And then I got a phone call one day saying 'hey what are you doing next week? We need you in London to record the boys.'"

His success as a songwriter has led to opportunities to perform and this time around it doesn't look like he'll have to give up the dream. He's currently making his way across his home country on his first headlining tour, which included a stop in Saskatoon Monday night.

After the tour he will be making a return to London to work with One Direction once again, but now thinks of himself mainly as a musician and plans to head back out on the road this summer to work on being the main person who sings the songs he writes.

"I just have to build it one show at a time, one single at a time."

**New dawn**

• **Fresh start.** Tebey has signed a new deal Warner Music Canada and will be releasing his album Two on March 11. Although it's a new recording, fans will definitely recognize a few of the songs. "We spent over a year on this record and we're three singles deep before this album comes out. So there's going to be a lot of songs on there that people know."

Katy Perry

# Apparently when Katy Perry kisses a girl, she doesn't like it

Katy Perry kissed another girl, and this time she wasn't really that into it. While visiting Australian talk show Sunrise this week, Perry recounted her close encounter with Miley Cyrus at the Bangerz singer's concert in Los Angeles. "I just walked up to her to give her, like, a friendly, girly kiss. You know, as girls do," Perry said. "And then she, like, tried to move her head and go deeper and I pulled away. God knows where that tongue has been."

Mathew Knowles.

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# Beyoncé's dad gets a break on his baby mama bills

A judge has approved a substantial cut in the amount of child support that Beyoncé Knowles' father must pay because his income dropped after his superstar daughter fired him as her manager.

A ruling obtained by The Associated Press shows that a Los Angeles Superior Court judge cut the amount Mathew Knowles must pay to actress Alexsandra Wright from $12,000 US a month to roughly $2,500 US a month. The payments are for a son Knowles fathered with Wright while he was still married to Beyoncé's mother.

Judge Scott Gordon's order is retroactive to February 2013. Although the singer's name is not mentioned in the ruling, it notes that her father's income has substantially fallen since she fired him in 2011. Mathew Knowles sought a reduction in his child support payments, and a hearing was held earlier this year.

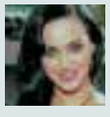
Beyonce's mother filed for divorce in December 2009, about a month after Mathew Knowles was mentioned in Wright's paternity case. At the time, the pair had been married for nearly 30 years.

Wright appeared in the 2001 film Baby Boy and has had a few bit television parts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Twitter**

**@johncusack**
I love twitter when I randomly follow people and wake up to see berserk things on my feed

**@TomArnold**
If you eat a whole bag of potato chips, even gluten free, you basically lose a day of your life. Maybe more. I'll let you know tomorrow.



**@katyperry**
If cuttlefish really cuddle call me a mermaid and drop me in a tank of them pls.

# A baby named Oscar?

Don't be surprised if Matthew McConaughey names his next kid Oscar, as the newly minted Academy Award winner had just one thing on his mind following his win for best actor Sunday night. "We won't stay long at the after-party," he told the Sun. "I want to go home and make another baby." McConaughey and wife Camila Alves are already parents to five-year-old Levi, four-year-old Vida and 14-month-old Livingston.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

**The Word**

## *Lohan's reality is still stranger than fiction*

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

In the first look at Lindsay Lohan's OWN post-rehab reality show, her life looks fairly grim. She confesses that being stalked by paparazzi makes her feel like a prisoner "all the time." She looks alternately bored and panicked throughout. Handlers tattle to Oprah that Lindsay is being unprofessional, skipping photo shoots and may be backsliding into addiction.

"This is exactly what everybody said was going to happen," Oprah sighs, "and I believed differently. She doesn't understand that this is your life."

We also glimpse a confrontation between the two, during which Oprah exhorts the OWN star to take her recovery seriously. "My truth is that I really do want you to win," says Oprah.

"No, it's not that I'm not ready to do that. I do want to," Lindsay insists.

"You need to cut the bulls—," Oprah returns.

Not defending Lindsay for leaving crews and coworkers hanging, but possibly her subconscious has realized that most newly recovering alcoholics would be better off anywhere but the set of a reality television show.

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LIFE 3

# From the runway, with love

Fall/Winter Fashion Month has taken four countries by storm once again. Here's a taste of what Metro's gurus of glam were lucky enough to see in the last leg of their high speed, high fashion city-hop. Until next season, style fanatics!

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## Roberto Cavalli (Milan)

Fire makes the perfect backdrop for Cavalli's flamboyant clothes. When a collection has heaps of dramatic fur on top of feathers on top of python on top of fringe, and tassels, and studs, and beading, the addition of a ring of flames and smoke seems only right and natural. He's cultivated an iconic look that may not set any agendas, but epitomizes Milanese fashion and its trademark carnal glamour. This is the drama we look for from Milano Moda Donna and he's delivered.

**Major trends:** Python, tassels, contrasting textures, blanket coats, gold.

## Prada (Milan)

Prada has an unmistakable way of making the garish look intelligent, the street style bait not look so try-hard, and the commercially appealing look artful. That's why most of these pieces (I'm placing bets on the shearling jackets and sporty platform shoes), which would look ridiculous in anyone else's hands, will most likely fly off the shelves. Remember, Prada has consistently posted sales growth for several years now. Even if this collection is not her most exciting, she's still on a roll.

**The major trends:** Seventies-inspired prints and shapes, and shearling.

## Rochas (Paris)

All of the clothes are stunning, right down to the densely beaded gloves. But too many in the second half of the show look heavy and fussy, like a wardrobe malfunction waiting to happen. That said, this collection falls right in line with the memo that clearly went out for autumn/winter '14: glamour and all of the decorative trappings that come with it, rules.

**Major trends:** Dense embellishments, outsized volume, experimentations with texture and longer fuller skirts.

## Carven (Paris)

Guillaume Henry has referenced a decade other than the '60s this season and I appreciate that. His forties shapes and silhouettes have a film noir sensibility about them. Interestingly, this collection presents a more grown-up look than the girlier, whimsical fare. The strongest looks are the longest: straight, midi-length skirt suits and belted coat dresses and jackets that look like the stuff of Ingrid Bergman movies, with a modern twist.

**Major trends:** Longer midi skirts, shiny embellishments, shades of blue, and experiments with texture.

## Sonia Rykiel (Paris)

The emphasis on knits and sense of humour present in a series of dresses emblazoned with 'Moi' are classic Rykiel, but there's a new contemporary, urban polish here as well. Best of all, everything looks so incredibly cosy and easy to wear. There are enormous Mongolian fur coats, relaxed, softly tailored trousers, oversized waffle knit sweaters and lithe, lean skirt suits, all in the warmest wools and cashmeres.

**Major trends:** Relaxed slouchy shapes, shaggy outerwear, textured three-dimensional surfaces and midi-length skirts.

# Canadian street style

**Spotted in: Toronto**

**Name: Jennifer**

**Age: 25**

**Occupation: Retail Manager**

**What she's wearing:**
Hat: Topshop
Glasses: Chanel
Scarf: Wilfred
Jacket: Wilfred
Shirt: Club Monaco
Bottoms: J Brand
Shoes: Zara
Bag: Givenchy

**Her inspiration:**
"I'm minimal yet eclectic. I'm inspired by people who look amazing in head to toe basics. I adore people who can modify current trends to preserve their own unique sense of style."

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**Trends Report**

**High-waisted jeans are predicted to be a huge trend this spring, but who are we kidding? They're not flattering on many women, not even some celebs. But if you're curious to try them out, go online to Trends Report to see three outfits I've put together that actually make high-waisted jeans look great.**

- **Online.** Follow Irene on Twitter at @MetroIreneK or Instagram: kuanirene; metronews.ca/voices/trends-report

# Pizza marries nutrition

**Red Pepper and Goat Cheese Pizza.** March is Nutrition Month but healthy doesn't mean sacrificing flavour

## FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

Pizza is a fantastic meal to make on the fly, especially if you have a flatbread or ready-made pizza crust. It's got a big surface, with lots of room for nutrient-filled vegetables.

In this easy-to-make recipe, creamy goat cheese balances the bright and fresh flavours of red pepper, onion and tomato. Combined with mozzarella (a pizza classic), olives and basil, it's a healthy meal that's ready in about 20 minutes.

Feel free to experiment with whatever you might have in the fridge: feta is a welcome substitute for goat cheese; zucchini and mushrooms pair nicely too. Chicken with spinach, red peppers and cheese is another dietitian-approved combo that you can easily cook and enjoy!

**Ingredients**

- 1 12-inch round of flatbread or enough pizza dough or a 12-inch (30 cm) pizza crust
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 cup (250 ml) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) cup soft crumbed goat cheese
- 1 large red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 large tomato, sliced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) sliced black olives
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) sweet Vidalia onion, sliced (optional)
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried basil (or 2 tbsp/25 ml chopped fresh basil)

Using a baking stone is a great way to give your pizza a crusty finish. Place the pizza stone in a cool oven, turn on the oven and preheat the stone for about 45 minutes before cooking the pizza.

**1.** Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C) if using flatbread or 450 F (230 C) if using pizza dough

**2.** Place flatbread on baking sheet. Alternatively, if using pizza dough, spread out dough on lightly greased pizza pan to make a 12-inch (30 cm) circle.

**3.** Brush olive oil on top of flatbread or pizza dough. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Top with goat cheese, red pepper, tomato, black olives, onion, if using, and basil.

**4.** Bake pizza in bottom half of preheated oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until crust is golden and filling is bubbly.

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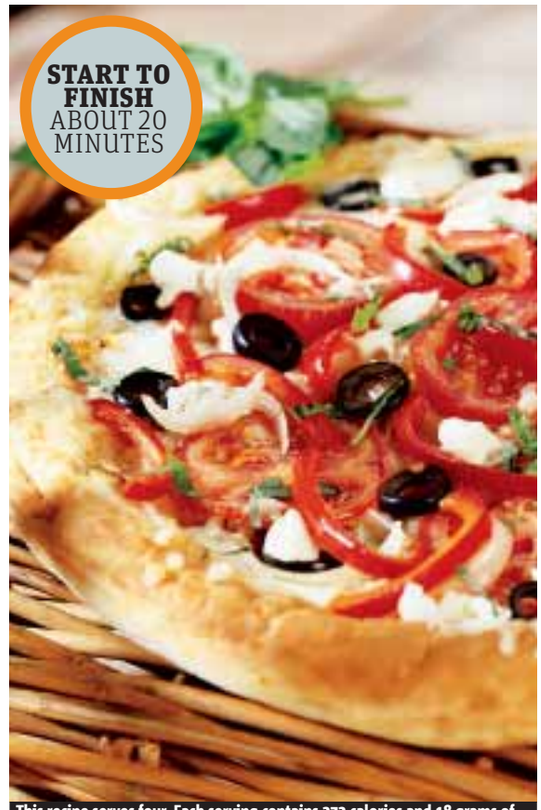
**Healthy helpers**

**Dietitians of Canada offers up affordable kitchen must-have suggestions.**

- **Steamer basket.** Steaming your veggies is a quick, easy, and healthy alternative to sautéing.
- **Oil mister.** The tool gives you precise control over how much oil is used.
- **Box grater.** While we love using our grater for cheese, it can also be used for all kinds of vegetables. Salads with grated zucchini, beets or carrots are a tasty side dish option.
- **Measuring spoon set.** If you thought these were only good for measuring liquid, think again. You can use them to sprinkle just the right amount of herbs or spices on your dish.




This recipe serves four. Each serving contains 373 calories and 18 grams of fat. DIETICIANS OF CANADA

# ‘It carries a lot of purpose’

**Paralympics.** Gold-medal winning curler Sonja Gaudet named flag-bearer for Team Canada in Sochi

Sonja Gaudet will carry Canada’s flag at the opening ceremony of the Sochi Paralympics.

Whether the most decorated wheelchair curler in history sticks around for the rest of the show is still up in the air.

Gaudet was announced as Canada’s flag-bearer on Wednesday and will lead her country’s delegation into Fisht Stadium on Friday night.

But with the festivities expected to go late into the evening and the curling team’s first game set for the following morning, Gaudet might have to duck out early.

“We do have some strategies,” said Gaudet. “Our priority is to be ready for Game 1. It’s a big game for us and we’re certainly going to make sure that we are (ready). (Carrying the flag is) just going to give us a little more purpose and create a really positive atmosphere to compete in.”

The 47-year-old from North Vancouver, B.C., who won gold medals at both the 2006 and 2010 Paralympics said she was overwhelmed with emotion when told that she would lead the Canadian contingent.

“It carries a lot of purpose for me,” said Gaudet, who also has three wheelchair curling world championships to her name. “Of course we’re here to compete as athletes with a physical disability at the highest level — that’s what the Paralympic Games are.

“(But) it sends a big global message as well about looking past the wheelchair, looking past the visual impairment, looking past the missing limb and really focusing on the person and focusing on what’s there.

“We don’t want people to see what they see when they first see us. We want them to see the athlete, the person, and not notice what’s missing.”

Gaudet, who suffered a spinal cord injury after falling from a horse, also acknowledged that she wouldn’t have been named flag-bearer if it wasn’t for her curling teammates.

“I have a lot of emotions going through my mind right now,” she said. “Totally honoured to have this very prestigious position. I can’t wait to lead my fellow Paralympic athletes into the opening ceremonies. Although I might be physically carrying the flag, I’m honoured that my team is going to be up there with me.”

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**Back to site of success**

**“We know a little bit what to expect at the venue so we’re in a really good place.”**

**Sonja Gaudet,** whose three world championships include last year’s in Sochi.

Sonja Gaudet poses for a Canadian Olympic Committee portrait in Vancouver. The curler won gold for Canada at the 2010 and 2006 Paralympic Games. JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES

**Drama on deadline day**

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**Martin St. Louis** wanted out of Tampa Bay, so Steve Yzerman and the Lightning granted him his wish.

In what could turn out to be the biggest trade ever influenced by the Olympics, St. Louis was dealt to the New York Rangers for **Ryan Callahan**, a first-round pick in the 2015 draft and a conditional second-rounder this year.

St. Louis asked for a trade after Yzerman, who was Team Canada’s executive director, left him off the initial 25-man roster for Sochi. St. Louis replaced the injured Steven Stamkos and won a gold medal, but bitterness remained.

Marian Gaborik

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The Columbus Blue Jackets send F **Marian Gaborik** to the Los Angeles Kings for F **Matt Frattin** and two conditional picks.

Marcel Goc

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The Pittsburgh Penguins acquire F **Marcel Goc** from the Florida Panthers for a third-round pick and a fifth-round pick in the 2015 draft and F **Lee Stempniak** from the Calgary Flames in exchange for a 2014 third-round pick.

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The Canadiens acquired F **Thomas Vanek** from the New York Islanders for F **Sebastien Collberg** and a conditional second-round pick in the 2014 NHL draft. Vanek, seen as the best rental available, and a conditional fifth-round pick head to Montreal.

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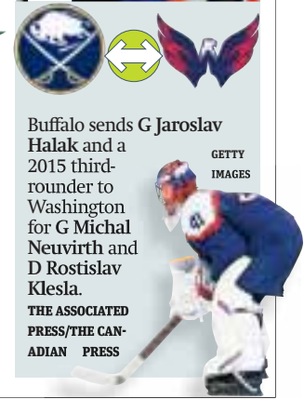
The Florida Panthers send G **Tim Thomas** to the Dallas Stars for G **Dan Ellis**.



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Buffalo sends G **Jaroslav Halak** and a 2015 third-rounder to Washington for G **Michal Neuvirth** and D **Rostislav Klesla**.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Family matters will take up most of your time today but don't think that means you cannot have fun. Loved ones are hoping you will suggest a trip you can all enjoy together.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
You know what you want and you know how and where to get it, so all you have to do now is reach out your hand and take it. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Well that's because it is. Make things happen!

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Good news about your finances is on its way and by the end of the week you will be wondering why and how you allowed yourself to get so worked up about a simple thing like money. Treat yourself — you deserve it.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You have been a bit to cautious of late but now that Jupiter is moving in your favour again you will find the confidence to take a few risks. If you have not done it already, you should be planning your next adventure.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
You will no doubt wonder what the catch is when someone in a position of authority offers you something you have long desired, but there is no need to be suspicious.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
You want to get things done, but because not everyone is as motivated as you it may take effort to get others to help you. No, you can't go it alone. There is too much to do.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You will win over even the most reluctant of people today. Create a vision of what it is you intend to achieve and let them see that they can share in the spoils, but they have got to back you — now.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Don't give in today, especially with co-workers who will take advantage of you if you don't stand up for yourself. You may want to help but you should not be doing everything.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Some people seem to be under the impression that they can snap their fingers and you will come running. But with Jupiter, your ruler, on great form today they are in for a rude awakening.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
You've got a nagging feeling that you could have done more to make a success of a relationship. Maybe you're right but that was then and this is now. Stop looking back.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Jupiter moves in your favour today, making it easy to break free of habits that are holding you back. Remember: the best way to get rid of a habit is to replace it with a better one that challenges you.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You will get a burst of energy today, enabling you to finish something you started a long time ago. Some people believe that Pisceans are lazy. It's time to prove them wrong.

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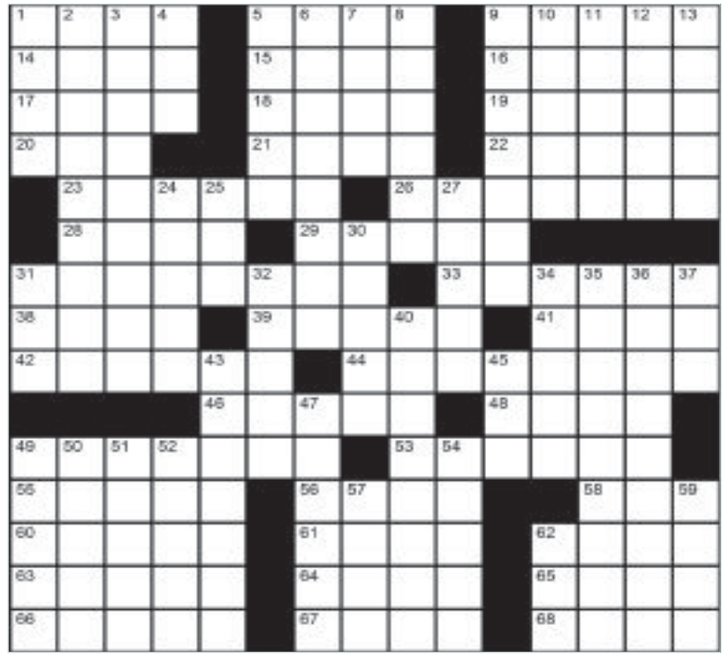
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

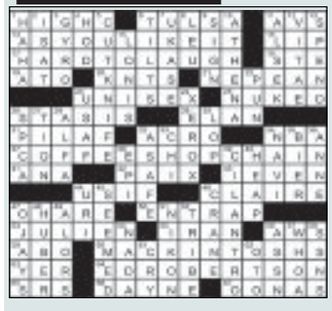
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**Across**
1. High hairstyle
5. Nursemaid
9. Zestfulness
14. Earth's crust's upper layer
15. Actor's dialogue
16. Staked, in poker
17. Stare
18. Facial result
19. Window's sun blocker
20. Alphabetical trio
21. Half of a Basque court game
22. Mouthwash-using step
23. Bellowing beast
26. Social site
28. Actress, Candace Cameron __
29. Music's Mr. Shaw
31. A car in Britney Spears' "Work B**ch!"
33. TV type
38. Certain cuckoos
39. "Don't __ __ what you know is true." - INXS
41. Tibia's locale
42. __ comedy
44. Northeastern Ontario community, __ Lake
46. Daniel Day-__
48. Libertine
49. Historic legal building in Toronto, __ Hall
53. Lays eggs, salmon-style
55. Wallet items
56. Certain canal
58. Calder Cup sports org.
60. Marvin Gaye duet-tist Ms. Terrell
61. Orchestra instrument
62. Ms. Gardner's
63. "Sounds like _ __!"
64. Fails to be
65. Delicate
66. __ to try (Eager)
67. More or __
68. Aardvark snacks

**Down**
1. Humour book: _._. __ Eh?: How Canada Secretly Controls the United States and Why That's OK
2. Loonies, dimes, etc.
3. Nova Scotia university
4. Rosemary Clooney's "This __ House"
5. Pond stuff
6. National Basketball League of Canada team, Saint John __ __
7. Buffalo sort
8. Princess Diana's affair-ee, Captain James __
9. "In Your Eyes" by Peter Who?
10. Not-in-use candle's status
11. Time on the job
12. Strained
13. More strange
24. Usurp
25. "The Lorax" (2012) character, The Once-__
27. Windshield __
30. __-Tikki-Tavi
31. Pas' wives
32. Oohed and __
34. "It must be _ __ news day."
35. Saskatchewan's southwest town
36. Prospecting passageway: 2 wds.
37. Also
40. Tom Cruise's 'Impossible' undertakings
43. Leonard Cohen's "__ Time"
45. Isthmus of __ (Malay Peninsula part)
47. Beetle sort
49. Grouping that's the sum of VII + I
50. Like dish-washing water
51. Manitoba town with Icelandic heritage
52. "Come __, ___..." (Hurry ...or give it a break already)
54. Hides
57. The Parachute Club hit: "__ Up"
59. Itemized things, for short
62. Noted botanist Mr. Gray

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 5 | | | 9 | 4 | | 7 | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 6 | 8 | | 2 | 3 |
| 8 | | 2 | | 4 | | 1 | | |
| | | | 6 | | 5 | | | |
| | | 6 | | 7 | | 2 | | 9 |
| 7 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | 8 | | 1 | 3 | | | 5 | |

## Yesterday's Sudoku

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| 7 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| 4 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| 1 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| 6 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| 9 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 |

Today
-12°/-22°
Partly sunny
Friday
-13°/-19°
Variable
Know what the weather will be 14 days from now.
Check the 14 day trend.
TWN incorporates MSC data

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